The Honourable Lucienne Robillard announces the Government On-Line Advisory Panel

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The Panel held its inaugural meeting in Ottawa today.

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The Panel will be responsible for providing advice and recommendations on the following areas:

- The scope and reach of Government On-Line;

- The priorities and timetable for electronic delivery of government

services, including how services should be clustered for single- window

delivery;

- Minimum standards for electronic delivery of services, including

special needs;

- How best to foster innovation, service improvement and increased access

through information technologies and electronic service delivery;

- Partnership opportunities and strategies for joint delivery of services

with other levels of government and the private sector and non- profit

sectors;

- Mechanisms for assessing the government's progress in meeting its

targets;

- Strategies to promote increased awareness and use of the Internet by

the public and business communities, including strategies to help

address the "digital divide" in Canada;

- E-government policy issues and possible approaches to address these

issues.

To share its views and advice on the status of Government On- Line, the Panel will report to the President of the Treasury Board in December 2002 and again in December 2003.

"I have been long involved in the evolution of electronic service delivery by the Government of Canada and it is with great pleasure that I accept this new challenge," said Guy Savard. "I am confident that the members of this Advisory Panel, through their diversity and collective experience, will contribute in a significant manner to the goal of the federal government to create a Government on-line serving all Canadian citizens."

"Government On-Line will further enhance Canada's position as a world leader in the development and use of information technology while helping to foster national, economic growth," said Barbara Stymiest. "The panel will endeavour to develop an informed perspective, identifying what Canadians and Canadian businesses need in terms of on-line government services."

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Barbara Stymiest, President and CEO, Toronto Stock Exchange

Members:

Andrew K. Bjerring, President and CEO, Canarie Inc.

Jim Carroll, President, J.A. Carroll Consulting

Claude-Yves Charron, Secretary General, ORBICOM, University of Quebec at

Montreal

Gaylen Duncan, President and CEO, Information Technology Association of

Canada

Michael Foulkes, Executive Vice-President and CIO, TB Bank Financial

Group

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Robert Giroux, President, Association of Universities and Colleges of

Canada

Grant Gisel, President and CEO, Sierra Systems

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Luce Lapierre, Director, Canadian Federation for French Literacy

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David Marshall, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Imperial Bank of

Commerce

Kathy Marshall, National Co-ordinator, Disabled Women's Network Canada

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